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BOOK REVIEWS.

The Lawyers' Reports Annotated. New Series. Book 18. Burdett A. Rich, Henry P. Farnham, Editors. 1909. Rochester, N. Y. The Lawyers' Co-Operative Publishing Company. Price, \$4.00.

The present volume of L. R. A. is full of cases of interest and importance and the notes keep up the splendid record of the editors. A note on "Extra-territorial effect of decree of divorce rendered upon constructive service" continues and brings up to date the admirable note on same subject in vol. 59, p. 162, etc., and is of distinct value.

A question of much novelty is treated in the note upon "Subsequent conduct of injured person in its relation to proximate cause, as distinguished from contributory negligence." A note upon "Release of endorser of note by failure to enforce liability of maker," is exhaustive and valuable; and one upon "When confession is voluntary" contains a wealth of annotation. This note is upon Ammons *v.* State, known as the "Sweat-box case," a perusal of which fills the mind with horror and dismay that in a civilized community such barbarity on the part of officers of justice should be allowed.

The American and English Annotated Cases—containing the important cases selected from the current American, Canadian and English Reports. Thoroughly annotated. Edited by William McKinney, Editor of Encyclopedia of Practice, etc., and David S. Garland, Editor of American and English Encyclopedia of Law, and H. Noyes Greene. Vol. 12. Edward Thompson Company. Northport, L. I., N. Y. 1909. Price, \$5.00.

The excellent quality of this series of annotated reports is well kept up in the present volume. The selection, as well as annotation, of cases shows not only discrimination but careful research. In the notes, conciseness, as well as clearness, mark the work. We have lately had occasion to use this last volume in connection with a case of some novelty arising from a question as to the responsibility of school teachers. We obtained a ready and satisfactory solution of the question from the notes to *Mansell v. Griffin*, an English case reported on p. 350. We find that this selection from the English and Canadian cases is an admirable feature of these admirable reports.